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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(h)

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 5, 2004, for the above-noted patent application. The amendment submitted June 15, 2004, allegedly does not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 because the claims section does not include the text of claims 10-18, which are identified as "withdrawn."

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(h), enclosed herewith is a substitute claims section for the amendment. In the substitute claims section the identifiers of claims 10-18, previously listed as "withdrawn," have been changed to "canceled" to accurately reflect their status, since claims 10-18 were canceled by a preliminary amendment filed with the application. The amendment filed June 15, 2004, should now be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

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Respectfully submitted,

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